(ख) यदि हां तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ग) क्या सरकार भारतीय वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंडल संघ की मांगों पर विचार करेगी; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत कुमार पांजा) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) से (घ) : वर्तमान निर्यात तथा आयात नीति के अंतर्गत कोयले का आयात मुक्त रूप में किया जा सकता है। किंतु इस प्रकार के आयातों के लिए विद्यमान पदों पर आयात शुल्क की अदायगी की जानी अपेक्षित है। कोल इंडिया लि. तथा सिंगरेनी कोलियरीज कंपनी लि. दोनों ही में कोयले के उत्पादन तथा प्रेषण में काफी सुधार आया है। कोककर कोयले का कुछ आयात इस्पात उद्योग द्वारा किया जा रहा है। किंतु अन्य क्षेत्रों में अधिकांशतः कोयले के आयात की आवश्यकता नहीं है क्योंकि उपभोक्ताओं की कुल कोयले की आवश्यकताओं की समग्र पूर्ति के लिए कोयला कंपनियों के पास पर्याप्त भंडार उपलब्ध हैं।

**Export of coal to Bangladesh from Meghalaya**

1466. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) since when the plan of exporting coal from Meghalaya to Bangladesh has been in operation;

(b) what is the quantum of coal exported so far including the amount of foreign exchange earned so far;

(c) the number and the names of the coal transhipment centres on the border;

(d) whether it is a fact that under-invoicing is taken place on a large scale ; and

(e) whether Government have a monitoring machinery to ensure the actual physical transfer of coal at the border ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House. 1097 RSS/94—5.

**Investment of BCCL on sinks upgradation Plant**

1467. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Coking Coai Limited (BCCL) invested a sum of Rs. 3.25 crores in a sinks upgradation plant constructed by Engineers Projects Indian Limited (EPIL) in 1983;

lb) whether the plant has been commissioned, if so, when;

(c) if the plant has not so far been com missioned, what are the reasons therefor;

td) what has been the total loss incurred by BCCL so far on this account;

(e) what are the names of persons re«-ponsible for this loss; and

(f) what action Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., had awarded a turn-key contract in April 1976 to M/s. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (a Government of India Undertaking) for construction of sinks upgradation plant at Dugda-II washery for an amount of Rs. 3.32 crores (exclusive of taxes and duties). The plant construction which was scheduled to have been completed in September, 1978 was actually completed in October, 1983 after a delay of five years. However, due to certain design deficiencies which could not be rectified by the turn-key contractor, the plant has not been commissioned.

(d) to (f) The Bharat Coking Coal Limit ed has Incurred an expenditure of Rs. 3.25 crores on the plant. Since this plant was located in between Dugda-I and II washery complexes, some equipment facilities of this plant are being utilised by these washe ries. The coal company are making effortt for gainfully utilising the remaining equip ment facilities available in this plant.